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SUBJECT: AUGUST 2 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 2, 1977:

1. BOKASSA MAD AT U.S.

IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF "GLACIAL FORMALITY," EMPEROR BOKASSA  
IGNORED AMBASSADOR QUAINTON'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE DETENTION  
OF U.S. JOURNALISTS AND THE EXPULSION OF A U.S. PEACE CORPS  
VOLUNTEER. BOKASSA ACCUSED THE U.S. OF TRYING TO "ELIMI-  
NATE" SMALL AFRICAN NATIONS AND OUR JOURNALISTS OF HEAPING  
ABUSE ON HIM AND HIS FAMILY. (BANGUI 1614, CONFIDENTIAL)

2. SRI LANKA: NO TO A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

PRIME MINISTER JAYEWARDENE'S PRE-ELECTION CALL FOR A  
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WITH ALLPARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE  
CABINET HAS BEEN REBUFFED NOT ONLY BY MRS. BANDARANAIKE'S  
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SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY, BUT BY HIS OWN PARTY'S DEPUTY  
LEADER PREMADASA. PREMADASA'S JULY 31 SPEECH MAY WELL HAVE  
BEEN DESIGNED TO SHUT OFF FURTHER TALKS ON THE SUBJECT.  
(COLOMBO 2693, UNCLASSIFIED.)

3. DEPLOYMENT OF LEBANESE TROOPS IN SOUTH LEBANON.

LEBANESE ARMY COMMANDER KHOURY HAS TOLD OUR DEFENSE ATTACHE THAT HE IS TAKING PREPARATORY STEPS TO PLAN FOR THE COMMITMENT OF LEBANESE TROOPS TO SOUTH LEBANON. IMPLEMENTATION, ONCE THE ORDER IS GIVEN BY PRESIDENT SARKIS, WILL TAKE TWO MONTHS. (BEIRUT 3760, SECRET)

4. RESETTLEMENT OF VAROSHA.

TURK CYPRIOTS HAVE SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY CREATED BY ECEVIT'S JULY 20 SPEECH TO TRY TO FORCE RESETTLEMENT OF VAROSHA AS ANOTHER "POLITICAL REALITY." THIS MANEUVER IS DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE TO GREEK CYPRIOTS THAT A DELAY IN REACHING AN AGREEMENT WILL ONLY MEAN LESS FAVORABLE TERMS FOR THEM. WE EXPECT TURK CYPRIOTS TO PUSH FOR CONCRETE PLANS AND EARLY IMPLEMENTATION. (NICOSIA 2008, CONFIDENTIAL) CHRISTOPHER

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